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2 October 1981

The Honorable Paul Findley
The House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Findley:

You wrote me on September 16 asking for comments on House Concurrent Resolution 172 on sealane security. I recently changed jobs and I think you will understand why I am not in a position to respond to your request for comments.

Sincerely,

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House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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September 16, 1981

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On August 4, 1981, Representative Melvin Price, Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee and I, along with twenty co-sponsors, introduced House Concurrent Resolution 172 to enhance sea lane security. This resolution stems from our desire to assure safe and secure transit in the critical sea lanes of communication in and between the Indian and Pacific Oceans. As you will note, the resolution was directly inspired by the report, "The Common Security Interests of Japan, the United States and NATO," published by the Joint Working Group of the Atlantic Council and the Research Institute for Peace and Security of which you were a part.

I thought you might be interested in seeing a copy of the resolution and would very much appreciate any comments or thoughts you might have on the resolution.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Paul Findley

Paul Findley
Representative in Congress

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97TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. CON. RES. 172

Relating to sealane security.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 4, 1981

Mr. FINDLEY (for himself, Mr. PRICE, Mr. BADHAM, Mr. CORCORAN, Mr. BROOMFIELD, Mr. COURTER, Mr. DERWINSKI, Mr. DYSON, Mr. EMERY, Mr. FOGLIETTA, Mr. GLICKMAN, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. LAGOMARSINO, Mr. PRITCHARD, Mr. REGULA, Mr. SUNIA, Mr. WHITE, Mr. WHITEHURST, Mr. WILSON, Mr. WINN, and Mr. YATRON) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Relating to sealane security.

Whereas the United States and Japan are allied in a Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security to assure their common defense;

Whereas the United States, Australia, and New Zealand are allied in the ANZUS Pact to assure their common defense;

Whereas the United States is allied by treaty to the Philippines and to Thailand, and the security of all the ASEAN nations is important to the security of the sealanes in the area;

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Whereas the interests of all these nations depend upon safe, secure, and free passage through the sealanes in and between the Indian and Pacific Oceans;

Whereas the Soviet capability to threaten safe, secure, and free passage through those sealanes has increased through the significant expansion of Soviet naval and air forces and Soviet military facilities in and between the Indian and Pacific Oceans; and

Whereas it is important that the United States, Australia, Japan, New Zealand, and the ASEAN nations cooperate to enhance the security of those sealanes: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That it is the sense of the Congress—

(1) that the United States Government should seek the support of Japan, Australia, and New Zealand for its naval presence in the Indian Ocean, and that such Japanese support could include the provision of civil aircraft and sealift assets;

(2) that the Japanese Self-Defense Force should increase its capacity to defend the sealanes important to Japan's security by increasing its capabilities for naval mining, air defense, and antisubmarine warfare;

(3) that the United States and Japan should take further steps to implement their 1978 United States-Japan defense guidelines on the standardization and integration of their intelligence, communication, and logistics capabilities, and their weapons systems in order

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to be able to undertake joint operations in the event of conflict;

(4) that Japan should continue to increase its share of the cost of the United States military presence in Japan which contributes to the mutual security of Japan and the United States;

(5) that the United States, Japan, Australia, and New Zealand should continue to support the ASEAN nations which represent an important element in the maintenance of the stability of Southeast Asia and occupy a critically important geographic position on the sealanes in and between the Indian and Pacific Oceans; and

(6) that the United States should participate in bilateral and multilateral naval exercises with Australia, New Zealand, and Japan, as well as with ASEAN nations, in continuing arrangements in order to assure the security of those sealanes.

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